A BRIEFE, And True relation of the taking in of Magdenburch, by the Emperours, and the Catholique Leagues Commandours, & Souldiers, with the bloodie and horrid massacring, and burning of that old famous Cittie, committed, the 10. Maye 1631. Old Stile.

THose of this auncient Towne, for want of men to man, and defend their Sconces, which laye on both sides of the *Elve*, were driven to quitt all their out-workes, and were Shut vp, within the large Circuite of the walles thereof. And being sore distrest, by the Emperours, and the Catholique Leagues Army, so that they could not hold out longe: his Matie. the Kinge of Swethen, drew his forces to a head by *Spandaw*, & was resolued to releeue yt, and to that intent, sent vnto the Duke of *Saxonie*, to intreat him he would ioyne his forces with his, or at least, giue him passage through his Contrie towards Magdenburch, which the Duke of *Saxonie* refusing, the King seing that Tilly had had too longe time, to fortifie himselfe against him, and that the Towne was almost past releife, resolved to goe by the waye of diversion, and soe marching with his Armye to *Fsanckfort* vpon the *Oder*, tooke it in bravely vpon Palm-sunday last at noone day, by an assault, as yee shall perceiue here after.

Generall Tilly then, hearing of the Kinges Comming, did hasten, and advance forward his workes, & approaches, towards Magdenburch; but could scarcely get any ground towardes the walls, because those within did defend themselves so brave-

lye, and the ſouldiers ſallied out often times vpon them, ſoe that his vvorkes went more ſlowlie forwarde, then he expected, Having intelligēce in the meane while, (as is ſaid) that the King approached, hee ſent his Aſſiſtant Generall, vvith letters to the Earle of *Papenheym*, vvhich vvas in his quarter of *Garleben*, that he ſhould haſten forward his vvorkes in the new Towne, ſeing he had vnderſtood (by letters intercepted,) that the King marched with his whole Armye to releive the Towne, and that the Euangelicall Princes, did take vp a great number of men, in the Empire, which without al queſtion, was for the releiſe of Magdenburch. This Aſſiſtant was taken by ſome horſemen in the Towne, and brought priſonnet into it with letters, that the King had promiſed to releeve them, vpon the honour of a King. At this newes *Falkenburck*, the Burgers and Souldiers, vvere reaſonable well contēted, & the Imperialiſts in the meane time advanced forwarde their approaches very much, and did much harme in ſhooting vvith their ordinance, vpon the ſteeple of the Cathederall Church, vntill the ſeaventh of May old ſtile, that he began to play furiouſlie vpon the tvvo ſmall pointes of Southburch, and the new Tovvne with eight batteries, vvhereof three of then vvere made before the Southburke vpon the Heydeck, and had ten halfe Canon planted vpon them, three in the nevv Tovvne, vpon their fort next the Highport, from vvhence eight halfe Canō played, & over the Elve right againſt the Bulvvarke of the new worke in the new Towne, from a baterye that had eight halfe Canon more vpon it. And another from the Tole, vvhere vpon they had 5 ſmaller peeces of Ordinance, playing vpon the newe vvorke of the marsh, ſoe that this ſhootinge vvith their Canon, from all thoſe batteryes laſted the 7. 8. and 9 of Maye Conrinuallie daye and night, vntill nine of the Clocke in the evening, vvhile that they cooled their ordinance, & ſhott noe more, in ſo much that they ſhott many thouſands of ſhott, but did litle harme with them, for they ſhott ſoe many vpon the Heydeck, that the one bullett brake the other

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in peeces, and the worke began to be the ſtronger for it. They ſhott alſo to beate downe the turret of the newe Towne, that falling into the moate it might fill it vp, but being then ſhott downe, it fell ſidelinges & fruſtated their hopes. From the other ſide of the water, they ſhott downe three ſtone vvalls, vpon the Tovvne Bulvvarke, but made litle, or noe greatte breache at all in the vvall, and though they caſt in many hundred Granadoes into the Towne, they did litle hurt, to man or houſe. And vvithall the ſhoting from their ordinance, there was but two ſlayne, (to vvit) a man and a vvoman going to church, and vpon the vvall not paſſing 8. or ten Souldiers, and Burgers.

VVhile the Imperialiſts the ninth of May, held vp shooting vvith their ordinance, and were very ſtill, thoſe of the Tovvne perceived, that they drevve of ſome ordinance, from their batterye by the Southburke, vvhich gave thē hopes that the King of Swethen was not farre from thence, vvhich made them likewiſe beleeue, that they vvould march avvay, and ſoe leave the ſeidge. Not vvith ſtanding, they kept ſtrong watch all that night, for all the ſouldiers, beſides the Burgers vvatch, and the horſemen vvere Continuallie vpon the vvall, vvith their piſtolls in their hands, and their bandeliers about them, though they vvere aſſured that they vvith the Burgers, vvere to expect bur litle quarter. Thus paſſing the night ouer with a good gard, the Imperialiſts being very ſilent, about fiue of the clocke in the morning, they drevv off from their gards, & the vvalles, and betooke them ſelves to their reſt, vvhereof the Imperialiſts knovving by their intelligence, as wel as themſelves, prepared about ſeaven of the clocke in the morning, to aſſaullt them in this order, and manner following.

The Earle of Pappenheim with the Cronſſeltish vvanglarishe, and Savelltiſh Regiments Should fall vpon the great nevv vvorke before the nevv tovvne, vpon vvhich they had faſtned a 100. ladders, which were too short, and could ſcarcely reache vp to the third part of the vvall,

The Duke of Holſteyne, he should fall vpō the horne worke before the *Crock port*, Count VVolfe of Manſ-velt, with Tillies men, vpon the *Heydick*, and three of the Emperours Regiments vvith ſome of Tyllies ſouldiers, should aſſault the new worke vpon the Murſne, betweene the bridge, and the water, and it vvas ſoe ordered, that they should aſſault theſe foure workes alike, & at one time, when a vvarning peece was shot of, which never the leſſe they did not, or durſt not, becauſe there was never a breache made for them to fall in vpon; and becauſe the moates were not filled vp. The Earle of Papenheim had the beſt avantage, becauſe hee vvas to paſſe over a drye moate with his men, and having noe parapit, or defence vpon the vvall, & the wall it ſelfe hanging downe ſloape wiſe, in ſo much that it vvas very mountable. Seing then, that this worke vvas but ſlightly manned, and not well garded at that inſtant with men, vvhich the Earle of Papēheim knew vvell, by ſome Traytours within the Towne, who ſought to betray their deare Countrey and Towne, by ſome woemen and children of ſome Councellours, vvho gave him intelligence thereof, & that there were not aboue 30 men in this worke, & the moſt part of thē aſleepe, hee fell vpon that worke, and carryed it eaſielie, without any greate loſſe of mē, & though there were but 15 Souldiers in the falſebraye thereof, to make it good, vvhich defended themſelvs bravelye, the multitude of the Emperours Souldiers falling on vpon them like ſvvarmes of Bees, they were ouer-matcht, and becoming maiſter of the wall, they turnd the ordinance vpō the Towne, got into the two turrets in the inner wall, & frō thence playd furiouſlie into the ſtreets of the Citie, with their ordināce.

The Governour called the Lord of *Falkenburck*, being iuſt at that time, in the Councell howſe of the towne, to adviſe vvith the Councell, vvhat vvas beſt to be done, hearing this alarme, got preſently on horſe backe, and gathering ſome Muſquettiers together skermiſht brauelye, vvith the Emperours men, vvho vvere gott through the Bulwarke into the Touwne, and beate

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them backe againe into the Bulwarke: but finding himselfe too vveake, and the Emperours men too strong for him, he rode in vpon their Pikes, vvas shot through the body, and at last, burnt to ashes in the fire, that a peece of him could not be found: Here vpō, the Emperours men pressed forward by force, but through the manly courage and resistance of those vvhich Capt. *Schimt* had got together in the turning of a hand, they were beaten backe, through three streets into the said Bulvvarke again. But this vvorthy Captaine having received a most dangerous, and deadly shot, the Tovvne Souldiers, began to giue grounde, and soe the Imperialists tooke it in.

Vpon this, the Duke of *Holsteyne*, vvith some of *Papenheims* men, fell presently vpon the horne worke by the Crockers port and, found shroud resistance, for the Administratours souldiers carried themselues vvell in that worke, but seing that the Papenheymish, and Kronveltish Regiments, had before taken in the new worke, vvhich lay before the port, and soe charging the Bishops Souldiers, both before and behinde, & being ouermād, they vvere almost all of them slayne dead vpon the place.

But Count *Mansveldt* stayed a good while, thinking it vvas good sleeping in a vvhole skin, till hee fell vpon the Heydeck, and gave not on till Papenheims, and the other Regiments had possessed themselves of more then halfe the Tovvne, but at last falling on, they resisted him valliantly, and hee was tvvise beatē backe, so that he was not able to enter there, but at last those of the Towne, seing that all was lost, their ovvne men opened him the Vlrici port of the Citty, and soe gave him entrance, betweene the vvater and it. Vpon the worke in the marshe, the Emperours Souldiers, had as good a vvelcome, for they vvent very Slovvly to vvorke vvith assaulting it. And seing, that the Tovvne was taken in, then they began to fall vpon it, hovv soeuer, they found noe lesse resistance, then the Mansvelders had done before, till at length they vvere let in vvillingly. And if soe be, the new vvorke in the new Towne had been but throughly

mand, and provided vvith ammunition, ſurely they had met with their match, and it had beene impoſſible for them to have entred the walls in the three other places.

After they had entred the Cittie of Magdenburch, novv began that bloody, inhumaine, & lamētable murthering of thoſe vvhoſe blood (as Abells did) Cryes vp to heaven for vengance, they ſpared neither man, vvoeman, or child, of vvhat ſtate, ſexe, or Condition ſoeuer they vveie, bus shott them through, ran them through, or ſtroake them downe vvith their cutlaſes, ſoe that in this fury, the inhabitans were driven to hide themſelves in holes, & Corners to ſave their lives. And rhough their horſe Got into Armes, vvith intent to ſcovver the ſtreetes, and to Skirmiſh vvith the Emperours men, they found that the ſtreetes were chayned vp in the Corners thereof, and that they could not gett into them, vvhether this happned by treachery, or accident noe man knowes.

The Imperialiſts preſentlye, vvith ſpades, & ſhouells made a natrowe paſſage through the wall from the new worke, throug which one horſeman after another got into the Towne, vpon this they ſet the towne a fire, in 50. or 60. ſeuerall places, and ſo burnt it, wherein many thouſands of men were ſmothered, and burnt to aſhes, and if the Souldiers had not beene driuen forward to quench the fire, without all doubt the Cathederall Church, and all the ornamentes, and faire buildings about it had beene burnt. There was left not aboue 139. howſes ſtanding, which ſtood by the fiſhe market, and the moſt of them but huts, for the reſt the whole Citty, with the ſumtuous buildinges thereof, was burnt to aſhes, yea the gates alſo, ſoe that they could but goe out and in at the Southburck port.

How many men, vvoemen, & childrē, periſhed in the Towne by fire and ſword, cannot caſily be knowne, but on the 12. of May, according to the old ſtile, there were buryed 24000 perſons, and beſides them there were many more found dead, and ſtifled in Cellars & ſollars. Likewiſe a gentlewoman ſeing that

shee could not escape the souldiers, that would have ravished her to preserue her chastity, she lept into a well, & drownd her selfe.

And a great many of the Emperours Commaundours, and Souldiers would give them no quarter, but murthered shott, & slevve man, vvoeman, and childe, like as by Saint Katherynes Church, neere the Bridge, there vvere three and fiftye persons slayne, vvho in a merciles manner, had their heads cut off. Two Souldiers thad found an innocent child lie crying, & sprawling in the Street, the one tooke the one legg, and the other an other legg, and puld it in peeces. VVith the woemen prisoners, they abused them in that shamefull manner, that it Cannot be sufficientlie discribed.

The Burgers prisoners, they did soc macerate, and mis-vse them, after they had promised them quarter, to get money out of them, that they tormented thē, and forced them, to redeeme them selues vvith a great summe of money.

Of officeres, besides the Lord Falkenburgh the Gouernour, There were slayne Lieut. Collonell *Loumes*, Lieutenant Collonell *Trooſt*, the Sergeant Maior *Kres*, the Sergeāt Maior *Woodreck*, Sergeāt Maior *Steenacker*, Capt. *Vrſtadt*, Capt. *Wooſtenhoff*, the horse Captaine *Heydman*, Captaine *Schimt*, Capt. *Lazarus*, and *Angrimam* dangeronsly wounded, also the Sergeant Maior *Amſterack*, who, was shott through his right legg, Lieutenant Collonel Boy, and the Maior Shipman with al the horse, were taken prisonners by the Cathederall Church vpon the new Markett. His Grace the Lord *Adminiſtratuor*, after that he had beene vpō tewsday morning by the *Heydeck* to visite the Gards, both his legs with the winde of a Canon bullet were struken, & hurt a litle there vvith, pulling on another paire of bootes, and going out againe, presentlie newes vvas brought him, that the Enemy vvas already vpon the wall.

After they had taken him prisonner, and had promised him quarter, yet being Caryed out of the towne, through the vvall vpon his horse,, their Musquettiers gaue fire vpon him, and shot

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his ſervants dead by him, and at laſt falling vpon him ſhot him throug one of his legs, & ſtriking him vvith a Pattiſan, gave him a vvound vpon his head, and did ſoe ſtrike, and beate him, that through vveaknes he fell dovvne from his horſe, and then pillaged him & tooke from him his hatt, his rapire, his band, and Cuffes, Garters, and Pootes, and was a Stripping of him ſtarke naked, if the Earle of Papenheim, had not come while they were about it, and prevented it. And ſoe they carryed him betweene two pikes into the Armye, to the Earle of Papenheims tent, were the Duke of Saxon, & the Duke of Holſteyne began to vilipend him, and gaue him ill language, vvhom his grace anſwered with a ſingular courage, & magnanimitie, and called God to witneſſe to Comfort him, that hee had borne a good Conſcience both to God, and man-ward, and thus ye have a breife relation of the deplorable taking in of that towne of Magdenburch, lying vpon the river called the Elve in the Duchie of Mechlingburch, which is taken in againe by the King of Swethens Army.

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A List of the ſtrength of the King of Svvedens ſeuerall Armies Horſe, and Foote quartered in diverſe Dukedomes, and Countries of Germany.

The Kings Army vpon the Rhyne.

	Foote.	Comp.	
	The Guardes	13	1950
	Axel Lilſiers	8	488
	Oxenſtern	8	536
	Erich Hant	8	470
	Hoogendorff	12	1800
	Winckels	12	1800
	Count de la Tour	8	1200
	Wittenſtein	8	1200
	Iuſte de Rhens	12	1800
	Helſſen	12	1800
	Lundel	8	1200
	Machae Mourray	8	1200
The Regiment of	Viſſeldon	8	1200
	Reduyns	8	1200
	Wallenſteyn	8	1200
	Generael Bannier	8	1528
	Ramſay	8	1500
	Hamelton	8	1200
	Charles Hard	1	170
	Molyken	1	150
	Vlrich Braum	1	150
	Du Maner	1	200
	Leveſton	8	1200
	Michel Fal	8	750
	Mourray	8	1200
	Leventz	8	600
	Marquis Hamelton	40	6000
		Comp. Foote	33392

Hor-

The Regiment of	Baudis	12	1500
	Rhijn-Grave	12	1500
	Duc Bernard Weymar	8	1000
	Iſelaer	10	1250
	Viſleken	6	750
	Egm. du Calenbaich	8	1000
	Tot	12	1500
	Totiſche	8	1000
	Corville	5	625
	Livoniens	5	625
	Carlandois	5	500
	Lands	4	500
	Finlanders	8	600
	Weſtgieler	8	600
	Smallinger	12	800
	Troopes 113.		13750. Horſes

The number of the Kings Army vpon the Rhyne Horſe & foot facit 47142.

The Army of Thuring commanded by Duke William of Saxon Weymar.

	Foote.	Comp.	
The Regiment of	Leveſton	4	600
	Mouncy	8	1200
	Micheffeild	8	1200
	Gemintz	3	450
	Comp. 23		3450
	Horſe.		
The Regiment of	Corviel	5	620
	Hee hath order from his Ma. to riſe with the foote.		
	Lanesdorff	5	1200
	Levelteyn	5	1200
	Brandſhem Lieut. Col.		1500
	Steenback Lieut. Col.		1000
	Torbuſch		1000
		Horſe	7500

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The Army of the Land-Grave of Hessen. Foote Comp.

The Regiment of	The Landt-Grave himselfe	2000
	Quartier-meester Generael Lieutenant Collonel	2000.
	Isler Sarjant Major	2000
	Kier	1200
	Lieutenant Collonel Sharkorff	1000
	Vffler	2000
	Foote	10200

Horse.

		Comp.
The Regiment of	Osler	8
	Balbick	8
	Berckhagen	8
	Lieut. Collonel Zeekerck	4
	Lieut. Col. Iaques Marchier	4
	Conte de Wittensteyn	5

How strong every Company of Horse is, is not knouwne.

Mecklenburgers. Foote Comp.

		Comp.	
The Regiment of	Duc Iean Albert	12	1800
	Duc Adolph	8	1200
	Gertscheym	12	1800
	Lochusen	12	1800
		Foote	6600

12. Compagnis of the Meckelenburgische Horse 1500
which make to gether 8107. heads

The Army before Maagdenburch commanded by Gen. Banier. Foote Comp.

		Comp.	
The Regiment of	Mihlaf	12	1800
	Termeus	8	1200
	Den Hof	8	1200
	Dragons de Rosen	12	1800
	Hopen Sweedish	4	250
	Dragons Haggen	8	1200
	De Menier	6	900

Tau-

		Comp.		
The Regiment of	Taupart Dragons	8		1200
	Dubald	8		1200
	Burendorff	8		1200
	Rugen	12		1800
	Kallitz	4		600
	Bock	12		1800
			Foote	16150

Horse.

The Regiment of	Sweedische	8		800
	Wedel	5		625
	Schafman Bohemian	12		1500
	Schoonendewyn	8		1200
	Iaques Knigh	8		1200
	Peter Lellier	4		180
	Noduigh Halt maker	2		300
	Ockhuysen	4		200
	Charles Karlt	8		600
	Elias Haffer	8		320
			Horse	6925
			Together	23075

The Army in Nether Saxonie.

Foote Comp.

		Comp.		
The Regiment of	Generael Dodt	12		1800
	Bruinan	8		1200
	Lars Haggen	4		300
	Saltbock	4		450
	Beucht Persons	4		500
	Iean Kilos	8		1200
	Basse Saxe	5		750
	Maccay	16		2400
	Tarbus	16		2400
	Graffeld	16		2400
	l'Ambenout	8		1200
			Foote	14600
Horse Troopes		4		500
			Together	15100

The Army in Franconia. Foote.

		Comp.		
	Henry Guilliaume Conte Solms.	16		2400
The Regiment of	Conte Phillip. Rinhard	16		2400
	Truyckes	16		2400
	Chonoufhy	12		1800
	Hanwalt	24		3600
	The Conte of Iffenburgh	12		1800
			Foote	14400

Horfe.

The Regiment of	Henry Guilliam Conte of	Solms. 12		1500
	Conte Phillip. Rinhard	12		1500
	Truyckes	12		1500
	Hanwalt	4		500
	Duc Erneft de Weymar	8		1000
	Ian Landgraef of d'Armft.	4		500
	Burghgraef Dundorft	4		500
	Comple Keffenhuller	4		500
				7500
		Summa horfe & foote		21900

The Duke of Saxons Army in Bohemia, Sleſia, and the vpper Pallatinate. *Foote Comp.*

The Regiment of	Arnhem Mareſchal du Camp		2000
	Swalback		2000
	Clitting		2000
	Le Bon		2000
	Conte Fred. Faſaen		1400
	Conte George Solms		2000
	Leſer		2000
	Stuſtedel		2000
		Foote	15400

Horſe.

	Ducke Saxons of Altenburg	10		1000
The Regiment of	Duc Vlrick de Denemarck	10		1000
	Garles van de Keut-Vorſt	6		600
	Garles du Mareſchal du Carp	2		200
	Overſteyn	5		500
	Leſer	10		1000
	Hofkercken	10		1000
	Horſe	5300.	Summa	20700

Summa of the Kings owne Army 155407. heads

Summa Totales of the Kings Army, and the Dukes of Saxons together facit 176007

A Catholoque of the Citties, and Townes taken in by the King of Swethen from his first landing in Germany till Feb. 1632.

Anno 1630. Aprill.

Stralsund
The Iles of Rugen & Vsdome,
Welgast.

Iuly.

Cannin.
Wollen.
Stetin.
Stargart
Griffinberge.
New Triptou.
Coslin.

August.

Ancklam.
Vckermund.
Pasewalke.

September.

Barty.
Girmmin.
Damgarten.
Tripbes.

December.

Griffenhagen.
Gratz.
Arnswalt,
New weedle.
Beerwalt
Soldin.
Stolpe.
Lawenburgh.
Belgard.
Peritz.
Golnau.
Rugenwald.
Colbatz
Corsin.

Anno 1631.

New Brandenburgh.
Termtau.
Loitz.
Gutsou.
Dammin.

March.

Colburgh.

Shwed